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<b>Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121)</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>
	10/581,163	VELTRI ET AL.
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

The amendment document filed on 31 May 2006 is considered non-compliant because it has failed to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121 or 1.4. In order for the amendment document to be compliant, correction of the following item(s) is required.

THE FOLLOWING MARKED (X) ITEM(S) CAUSE THE AMENDMENT DOCUMENT TO BE NON-COMPLIANT:

- 1. Amendments to the specification:
  - A. Amended paragraph(s) do not include markings.
  - B. New paragraph(s) should not be underlined.
  - C. Other See Continuation Sheet.
- 2. Abstract:
  - A. Not presented on a separate sheet. 37 CFR 1.72.
  - B. Other See Continuation Sheet.
- 3. Amendments to the drawings:
  - A. The drawings are not properly identified in the top margin as "Replacement Sheet," "New Sheet," or "Annotated Sheet" as required by 37 CFR 1.121(d).
  - B. The practice of submitting proposed drawing correction has been eliminated. Replacement drawings showing amended figures, without markings, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 are required.
  - C. Other \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4. Amendments to the claims:
  - A. A complete listing of all of the claims is not present.
  - B. The listing of claims does not include the text of all pending claims (including withdrawn claims)
  - C. Each claim has not been provided with the proper status identifier, and as such, the individual status of each claim cannot be identified. Note: the status of every claim must be indicated after its claim number by using one of the following status identifiers: (Original), (Currently amended), (Canceled), (Previously presented), (New), (Not entered), (Withdrawn) and (Withdrawn-currently amended).
  - D. The claims of this amendment paper have not been presented in ascending numerical order.
  - E. Other: \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5. Other (e.g., the amendment is unsigned or not signed in accordance with 37 CFR 1.4):
  - See Continuation Sheet

For further explanation of the amendment format required by 37 CFR 1.121, see MPEP § 714.

#### TIME PERIODS FOR FILING A REPLY TO THIS NOTICE:

1. Applicant is given **no new time period** if the non-compliant amendment is an after-final amendment or an amendment filed after allowance. If applicant wishes to resubmit the non-compliant after-final amendment with corrections, the **entire corrected amendment** must be resubmitted.
2. Applicant is given **one month**, or thirty (30) days, whichever is longer, from the mail date of this notice to supply the correction, if the non-compliant amendment is one of the following: a preliminary amendment, a non-final amendment (including a submission for a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114), a supplemental amendment filed within a suspension period under 37 CFR 1.103(a) or (c), and an amendment filed in response to a Quayle action. If any of above boxes 1. to 4. are checked, the correction required is only the **corrected section** of the non-compliant amendment in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121.

**Extensions of time** are available under 37 CFR 1.136(a) **only** if the non-compliant amendment is a non-final amendment or an amendment filed in response to a Quayle action.

**Failure to timely respond** to this notice will result in:

- Abandonment** of the application if the non-compliant amendment is a non-final amendment or an amendment filed in response to a Quayle action; or
- Non-entry** of the amendment if the non-compliant amendment is a preliminary amendment or supplemental amendment.

/Marianne L. Padgett/ Primary Examiner, Art Unit 1792	
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**Continuation of 1(c) Other:**

In applicants' preliminary amendment, the paragraphs of the amended sections of the specification have not been provided. In fact, on page 4, it appears that applicants have only provided the end of a sentence in one paragraph & beginning of the sentence of next paragraph! Also, note that section headings are supposed to be in all capital letters (see below directions, repeat for applicant's convenience). Note that adding a new section heading on page 7, is equivalent to adding a new paragraph, hence should not be underlined (as opposed to the amendment on page 1, which changed an already present heading).

**Continuation of 2(b) Other:**

In applicants' preliminary amendment, while applicants stated in their remarks that the new abstract is on a separate page, it is on the same page as the amendments to the specification, thus non-compliant. Furthermore, the first page of the PCT document has provided the abstract in the scanned file, which already reads the same as the one in the non-compliant preliminary amendment, hence if applicants still wish to replace it, they should say they are "replacing", it rather than inserting it, which would provide two abstracts.

In applicants preliminary amendment,

The following guidelines illustrate the preferred layout for the specification of a utility application. These guidelines are suggested for the applicant's use.

### **Arrangement of the Specification**

As provided in 37 CFR 1.77(b), the specification of a utility application should include the following sections in order. Each of the lettered items should appear in upper case, without underlining or bold type, as a section heading. If no text follows the section heading, the phrase "Not Applicable" should follow the section heading:

- ) TITLE OF THE INVENTION.
- ) CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS.
- ) STATEMENT REGARDING FEDERALLY SPONSORED RESEARCH OR DEVELOPMENT.
- ) THE NAMES OF THE PARTIES TO A JOINT RESEARCH AGREEMENT.
- e) INCORPORATION-BY-REFERENCE OF MATERIAL SUBMITTED ON A COMPACT DISC.
  - (f) BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION.
    - (1) Field of the Invention.
    - (2) Description of Related Art including information disclosed under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
- ) BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION.
- ) BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWING(S).
- ) DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION.
- ) CLAIM OR CLAIMS (commencing on a separate sheet).
- ) ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE (commencing on a separate sheet).
- ) SEQUENCE LISTING (See MPEP § 2424 and 37 CFR 1.821-1.825. A "Sequence Listing" is required on paper if the application discloses a nucleotide or amino acid sequence as defined in 37 CFR 1.821(a) and if the required "Sequence Listing" is not submitted as an electronic document on compact disc).